



**Sacred Heart Parish  
and  
Diocesan Shrine & Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**



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**9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B	Margaret McClean (Foundation Mass)
	SH	5.30pm		Noreen Kelly R.I.P.
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	OL	9.15am	Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B	People of the parishes
	SH	10.30am		Mikolaj & Wanda Galan (Foundation Mass)
Monday	SH	9.30am		Murphy family (Foundation Mass)
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Michael Smith (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Kathleen Kennedy R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Arquilla Simoes R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am		Fr. Frank Calnan R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am	Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B	A. Johnson (Birthday)
	SH	5.30pm		Michael Connors R.I.P.
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	OL	9.15am	Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B	Jan Grzesiukowicz R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Brigitte Berney R.I.P.

**Stations of the Cross.** During Lent Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church on Fridays at 6.15pm. They will also be celebrated at Our Lady's, Great Billing on Sundays at 8.40am.

**Confessions.** Confessions will be on Saturdays, at Our Lady's from 10am-10.30am and at Sacred Heart from 4.45pm-5.15pm.

**Events at our churches. Our Lady's:** Tuesdays 1-2pm: Parish Prayer Time.

Wednesdays from 2pm - 3pm: Rosary & Exposition.

Thursdays 1-2pm: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass – 12noon: Exposition.

Daily 9am before Mass (except Sunday): Rosary.

**Sacred Heart:** Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm and Mondays after 9.30am Mass – 11am.

The Net Charismatic Prayer Group: first and third Wednesday of the month 7.30pm - 9pm.

**Anniversaries:** James Darlington, Eileen Harris, Cecilia Manchester, Muriel Harris, Jimmy Clancy, Eileen Cleary, Henry Noone, Ted McDonald, Eddie Teehan, Margaret Wall, Michael Connors, Eileen Kaicer, Thomas Casey, Thomas O'Malley, Joseph Gyoni, Bob Taylor, Walter Jones, Maureen Hale, Pam Boshell, Brigitte Berney. **R.I.P.**

**Please pray for all our recently deceased.** Paul Easton, Patrick Cullen, John Pacheco, Arquilla Simoes & Tom Buston.

**Please pray for all our sick.**

**Pope Francis' Special Intention.** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**This weekend's retiring collection.** The Spiritans Mission.

**Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church.** Children's Liturgy will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please note, this is aimed at children from the age of 4 until they are 8 or have made their First Holy Communion.

**Planned Giving envelopes.** The envelopes for 2024-25 are now available. If you would like to be added to the list, please see Fr Brendan or email the parish office.

**Thank you!** A big thank you to all those who donate their pennies to Marina. As a result of your generosity, Marina was able to collect £109 for the Lourdes Pilgrimage fund.

**Employment help.** A lovely member of the African community within our parish is looking for employment and if any of our parishioners has job opportunities, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

**Spring Cleaning at Sacred Heart.** Please come and help with Spring Cleaning the hall ready for Easter on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10am until 12noon, including litter picking outside and sweeping up leaves by the presbytery door.

**Tea & Coffee at Sacred Heart.** Refreshments after 10.30am Mass continues every Sunday in the church hall. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in with coffee, cake and chat.

**Sacred Heart SVP Community Pop-in.** Every Thursday, 10.30am – 2pm. Pop in for a chat, a cup of tea or something to eat. Why not come and join us?

**Our Lady's Confirmation Classes 2024.** Registration has now closed. Classes continue through March on Sundays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Sacred Heart Confirmation Course January 2024.** From January there will be taster service sessions (Jan -March) and any young people who wish to register for Confirmation, can do so at the Sunday sessions. All of these will take place at St. Gregory's Church:

Meet and Greet congregation: 8.30am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March,

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Good Friday event at church 10am – 12pm,

Cathedral tour: 19<sup>th</sup> April 5pm.

There are three compulsory theory dates: 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Lorraine in the parish office.

**BCCT Lent Churches Walk at Great Billing.** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10.45am. A Reflective Walk visiting all the Billing Churches, with times for Reflection and a Bread & Soup Lunch to conclude. Join the walk or meet at any of the churches on the way. See poster and flyers for details or phone 01604 406200.

**CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!** This Lent Thomas Becket Catholic School is supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world. We are inviting our students to join us in collectively walking 1000km towards raising £1000. This will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, during Holy week. Please pray for us. We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will be supporting those in greatest need around the world and living out the mission of our school. We would love parishioners in our surrounding parishes to support this great fundraising effort too. We have set up a 'Giving Page' through CAFOD. If you would like to donate to this cause, please follow the link.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/thomas-becket-fundraising-page> Every single £1 will make a difference to the fight against poverty! Thank you for your support.

**Northampton Diocese – Life in the Spirit Seminars.** 16<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> May. The Seminars are being run by the Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal team and comprise a series of talks and discussions supported by short daily reflections. There are two options for joining the Seminars – in person at the Cathedral and in person at one of the Hub locations around the diocese. There are five weekday sessions and a half-day retreat at the Cathedral on Pentecost. At the Cathedral and at each hub, the weekday sessions are on Tuesdays (16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May) with refreshments at 6.30pm and the seminar starting at 7pm prompt. The Holy Spirit day will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm followed by vigil mass at 6pm. For further information, links to register and a short video from Bishop David can be found here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/>

**Diocesan e-newsletter.** Keep up to date with news and opportunities from across our diocese by signing up to receive updates straight into your inbox. Simply visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/#signup>

**CAFOD School Volunteers needed.** Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Debbie Purfield [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) or call 07786 114 390

**Safeguarding.** Within our diocesan safeguarding structures, the healing and reconciliation group is focussed entirely on representing the voice of survivors and reaching out to those who have been hurt by abuse. As a diocese we are particularly keen to encourage membership from those who have lived experience of abuse. We value your insight and would like to be able to listen, hear and act upon your advice to help improve our response to those who have been hurt by abuse. To make further enquiries please contact safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or [safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

**Diocesan Pilgrimages.** As we prepare for the Jubilee year in 2025 as 'Pilgrims of Hope' you are invited to join our diocese on pilgrimage. There are plenty to choose from including the Shrines of Northern France in October 2024, Lourdes in August 2024, Walsingham in June 2024 and Rome and Assisi in 2025. For more information on all of these pilgrimages and our diocesan walking pilgrimage, 'The Way of Our Lady of Guadalupe' visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage/>

**Thomas Becket leavers class of 1980.** We are holding a reunion at the Vocal club on Bailiff St, Northampton on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 8pm. Tickets are now available online for £10 from Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thomas-becket-class-of-1980-60th-birthday-reunion-tickets-844653560537>